Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 23 Mar 2021 at 15:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a showery few days and for brief period of much colder weather on Friday. Lower confidence on day to day shower details.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021: Bright spells and showers, becoming frequent, heavier during afternoon. Snow above 700m. Very cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	40%	20%	50%	20%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Weather: Mainly dry, bright morning with sunny spells and a few showers. A band of more frequent and heavier showers will cross all parts later in afternoon and early evening with snow above about 700m.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% reducing 30% during the afternoon.

Visibility: Air will have great clarity resulting in very good visibility away from showers. There will be occasional cloud cover above about 700 to 800m. Later in the afternoon, the clouds will become more extensive. Also patches of very poor visibility as wintry showers pass by.

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Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	37/47 SW	32/42 SW	26/35 SW	30/41 SW	32/45 SW	41/58 S	34/48 SW	30/42 SW	28/39 SW
900	26/37 SW	23/33 SW	20/29 SW	21/31 SW	24/36 SW	28/44 SW	26/40 SW	24/37 SW	21/32 SW
600	30/40 SW	26/35 SW	23/31 SW	24/34 SW	27/40 SW	33/49 SW	28/41 SW	25/36 SW	22/33 SW
300	16/27 SW	14/23 SW	12/22 SW	15/24 SW	17/30 SW	21/36 S	16/31 SW	14/26 SW	12/23 SW
Glen	12/26 SW	11/23 SW	10/22 SW	13/25 SW	15/31 SW	17/36 SW	15/31 SW	11/25 SW	10/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-13	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12
900	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7
600	2/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	3/-4	2/-5	2/-4	2/-4
300	4/-1	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	4/-1	5/0	4/-1	4/-0	4/0
Glen	5/2	5/1	5/1	5/1	6/2	8/4	6/2	6/3	6/2
Freezing Level*	700m	600m	600m	600m	700m	800m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Winter-like conditions over higher ridges/summits. Strong to gale force winds and sub-zero temperatures making it feel bitterly cold.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Weather: It will be a mainly dry, bright morning with just a few light showers. The showers will become more frequent and heavier during the afternoon. Showers falling as rain at most levels, perhaps sleet on highest tops.

Maximum wind: Strong to gale force southwest winds on the tops, average speeds of 30mph and gusts 45 to 50mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% reducing 40% during afternoon.

Visibility: Very good away from any showers so with occasional cloud cover about 700m. Clouds will become more extensive during the afternoon and evening with patches of poor visibility as showers pass by.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
At 800m: Zero Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m rising to 1200m.

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